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Defence Land
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large portion of defence land has been illegally occupied;

(b) if so, the total number of complaints received for the same and the action taken thereon;

(c) whether the Government has a comprehensive data bank of the total defence land under its authority across the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State / UT-wise; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to make more productive use of unused defence land under its control?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
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(a) & (b): The Ministry of Defence has received reports from the land management agencies under it, of about approximately 10059 acres of defence land being under encroachment. This is around 0.57% of the total land holding of Ministry of Defence. Reports and complaints on the subject are received from time to time but no centralized record of such complaints is maintained by the Ministry. Action against encroachment is taken under the law viz. Public Premises (Eviction of unauthorised occupants) Act, 1971 and Cantonment Act 2006. In addition action aimed at prevention, detection and removal of encroachments, is an ongoing process.

(c) & (d): Directorate General Defence Estates (DGDE) in the Ministry of Defence maintains a comprehensive data bank of defence land across the country. The details of total area of land under the ownership of Ministry of Defence, State / UT-wise is annexed.

(e) All Defence land is earmarked for Defence purposes. To ensure proper utilisation of Defence land periodic Defence Land Audit is carried out.
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